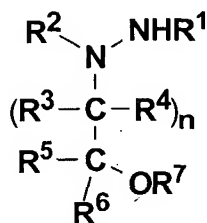


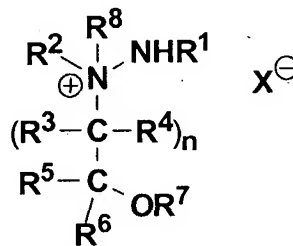
Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1-10 (cancelled)

11. (original) A method of treating an inflammatory disease or condition, a disease related to carbohydrate metabolism, a disease related to aberrations in adipocyte differentiation or function or smooth muscle cell function, or a vascular disease, comprising administering to an animal in need of such treatment an effective amount of a compound of Formula I or Formula II:



I



II

or a stereoisomer or pharmaceutically acceptable solvate, hydrate, or salt thereof; wherein:

R¹ is hydrogen, (C₁-C₄)alkyl, aralkyl, (C₂-C₅)alkanoyl, aroyl or heteroaroyl;

R² is hydrogen, or optionally substituted (C₁-C₄)alkyl, optionally substituted cycloalkyl or optionally substituted aralkyl;

R³ - R⁶, which can be the same or different, are hydrogen, optionally substituted (C₁-C₄)alkyl, optionally substituted aralkyl, optionally substituted phenyl or optionally substituted heteroaryl;

or R¹ and R², together with the atoms to which they are attached, represent an optionally substituted heterocycle,

or R² and R³, together with the atoms to which they are attached, represent an optionally substituted heterocycle,

or R³ and R⁵, together with the atoms to which they are attached, represent a saturated, optionally substituted carbocycle;

R⁷ is hydrogen, (C₁-C₄)alkyl, (C₂-C₅)alkanoyl or aralkyl;

R⁸ is (C₁-C₄)alkyl or aralkyl;

n is 1, 2 or 3; and

X is chloride, bromide, iodide or R²-sulfate, where R² is as defined herein.

12. (original) The method of claim 11, wherein n is 1.

13. (original) The method of claim 11, wherein R¹ is hydrogen.

14. (original) The method of claim 11, wherein R² is benzyl optionally substituted with alkyl, nitro, methoxy, or halogen.

15. (original) The method of claim 14, wherein R² is benzyl substituted at the *para* position with methyl, nitro, methoxy, or chlorine.

16. (original) The method of claim 11, wherein R⁶ is phenyl optionally substituted with alkyl, nitro, methoxy, or halogen, and R⁵ is hydrogen.

17. (original) The method of claim 16, wherein the phenyl is substituted at the *para* position with methyl, nitro, methoxy, or chlorine.

18. (original) The method claim 11, wherein n is 1 and R³ and R⁵ together form a cyclohexane ring.

19. (original) The method of claim 11, wherein n is 1, R⁴ is hydrogen, and R² and R³ are taken together with the atoms to which they are attached to form an optionally substituted heterocyclic ring selected from the group consisting of pyrrolidine, piperidine, tetrahydroisoquinoline, and pyrazolidine, wherein said heterocyclic ring is optionally substituted with alkyl, nitro, methoxy, or halogen.

20. (original) The method of claim 19, wherein said optionally substituted heterocyclic ring is selected from the group consisting of 1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline, piperidine, and 6,7-dimethoxy-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline.

21. (original) The method of claim 11, wherein n is 1, and R³ and R⁴, which can be the same or different, are (C₁-C₄)alkyl.

22. (original) The method of claim 21, wherein R³ and R⁴ are both methyl.

23. (original) The method of claim 11, wherein said inflammatory disease or condition is a connective tissue inflammatory disease or condition.

24. (original) The method of claim 23, wherein said connective tissue inflammatory disease or condition is selected from the group consisting of ankylosing spondylitis, Reiter's syndrome, psoriatic arthritis, osteoarthritis or degenerative joint disease, rheumatoid arthritis, Sjögren's syndrome, Behçet's syndrome, relapsing polychondritis, systemic lupus erythematosus, discoid lupus erythematosus, systemic sclerosis, eosinophilic fasciitis, polymyositis and dermatomyositis, polymyalgia rheumatica, vasculitis, temporal arteritis, polyarteritis nodosa, Wegener's granulomatosis, mixed connective tissue disease, and juvenile rheumatoid arthritis.

25. (original) The method of claim 11, wherein said inflammatory disease or condition is a gastrointestinal inflammatory disease or condition.

26. (original) The method of claim 25, wherein said gastrointestinal inflammatory disease or condition is selected from the group consisting of Crohn's disease, ulcerative colitis, irritable bowel syndrome (spastic colon), fibrotic conditions of the liver, inflammation of the oral mucosa (stomatitis), and recurrent aphtous stomatitis.

27. (original) The method of claim 11, wherein said inflammatory disease or condition is a central nervous system inflammatory disease or condition.

28. (original) The method of claim 27, wherein said central nervous system inflammatory disease or condition is selected from the group consisting of multiple sclerosis, Alzheimer's disease, and ischemia-reperfusion injury associated with ischemic stroke.

29. (original) The method of claim 11, wherein said inflammatory disease or condition is a pulmonary inflammatory disease or condition.

30. (original) The method of claim 29, wherein said pulmonary inflammatory disease or condition is selected from the group consisting of asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and adult respiratory distress syndrome.

31. (original) The method of claim 11, wherein said inflammatory disease or condition is a skin inflammatory disease or condition.

32. (original) The method of claim 31, wherein said skin inflammatory disease or condition is selected from the group consisting of contact dermatitis, atopic dermatitis, psoriasis, pityriasis rosea, lichen planus, and pityriasis rubra pilaris.

33. (original) The method of claim 11, wherein said disease related to carbohydrate metabolism is selected from the group consisting of diabetes, atherosclerosis, vascular retinopathies, retinopathy, nephropathy, nephrotic syndrome, polyneuropathy, mononeuropathies, autonomic neuropathy, foot ulcers, joint problems, and increased risk of infection.

34. (original) The method of claim 11, wherein said disease related to aberrations in adipocyte differentiation or function or smooth muscle cell function is selected from the group consisting of atherosclerosis and obesity.

35. (original) The method of claim 11, wherein said vascular disease is selected from the group consisting of atheromatous arteriosclerosis, nonatheromatous arteriosclerosis, ischemic heart disease, peripheral arterial occlusion, thromboangiitis obliterans, and Raynaud's disease and phenomenon.

36. (original) The method of claim 11, wherein said compound of Formula I is selected from the group consisting of:

(1*R*,2*S*)-2-(1-methylhydrazino)-1-phenyl-1-propanol;

(1*R**,2*S**)-2-(1-methylhydrazino)-1-phenyl-1-propanol;

(1*R**,2*S**)-1-(2-hydroxy-1-methyl-2-phenylethyl)-1,1-dimethylhydrazinium iodide;

(1*R**,2*S**)-2-(1-methylhydrazino)-1,2-diphenylethanol;

2-(1-methylhydrazino)-1-phenylethanol;

2-(1-methylhydrazino)-2-phenylethanol;

1-[2-methoxy-2-(*m*-methoxyphenyl)ethyl]-1-methylhydrazine;

2-amino-6,7-dimethoxy-1,2,3,4-tetrahydroisoquinoline-1-methanol; and

2-(1-methylhydrazino)-1-(*p*-methoxyphenyl)ethanol;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

37. (cancelled)

38. (original) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of claim 11 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or diluent.